

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 13 (cancelled)

1 Claim 14 (new): A method of retrieving an electronic message
2 from a server using a terminal device, the message
3 comprising a header and a body capable of containing
4 characters, the method comprising the steps of:
5 establishing a communications link between the server
6 and the terminal device,
7 the server transmitting to the terminal device in a
8 first retrieval phase the header, the first N characters of
9 the body to the terminal device, where N is a predetermined
10 integer, while holding back any attachments, and a flag
11 indicative of any remaining characters of the body and/or
12 any attachments, said flag allowing the user of the terminal
13 device to decide to retrieve the remaining parts of the
14 message in a second retrieval phase or several subsequent
15 retrieval phases.

1 Claim 15 (new): The method according to claim 14, wherein
2 the flag comprises a first flag indicative of any remaining
3 characters and a second flag indicative of any attachments.

1 Claim 16 (new): The method according to claim 14, comprising
2 the further step of:

3 the terminal device requesting, in response to the
4 flag, the server to transmit a further P characters
5 and/or a selected attachment, wherein P is an integer
6 number.

1 Claim 17 (new): The method according to claim 14, wherein
2 the integer N is determined by the server.

1 Claim 18 (new): The method according to claim 14, wherein
2 the server erases the message after transmitting if there is
3 no remaining text and no attachments.

1 Claim 19 (new): The method according to claim 14, wherein
2 the server retains the message if any remaining text or any
3 attachments are not yet transmitted.

1 Claim 20 (new): The method according to claim 14, wherein
2 the server stores messages in a mailbox having a limited
3 capacity, and wherein a partially transmitted messages is
4 erased if additional mailbox capacity is required.

1 Claim 21 (new): The method according to claim 14, wherein
2 the terminal device is a mobile handset or a PDA.

1 Claim 22 (new): A system for retrieving electronic messages,
2 the system comprising:

3 a server and a terminal device,
4 wherein the messages comprise a header and a body
5 capable of containing characters, the server and the

6 terminal device being capable of establishing a
7 communications link,

8 wherein the server is arranged for transmitting to the
9 terminal device in a first retrieval phase the header, a
10 first N characters of the body to the terminal device, where
11 N is a predetermined integer, while holding back any
12 remaining characters and any attachments, and a flag
13 indicative of any remaining characters of the body and/or
14 any attachments, said flag allowing the user of the terminal
15 device to decide to retrieve the remaining part of the
16 messages in a second retrieval phase or several subsequent
17 retrieval phases.

1 Claim 23 (new): The system according to claim 22, wherein
2 the flag comprises a first flag indicative of any remaining
3 characters and a second flag indicative of any attachments.

1 Claim 24 (new): The system according to claim 22, wherein
2 the terminal device is arranged for requesting, in response
3 to the flag, the server to send a further P characters
4 and/or a selected attachment, wherein P is an integer
5 number.

1 Claim 25 (new): A terminal device for use in the system of
2 claim 22, the terminal device being capable of:
3 establishing a communications link with a server,
4 receiving in a first retrieval phase the header, the
5 first N characters of the body of a message, and a flag
6 indicative of any remaining characters of the body
7 and/or any attachments to the terminal device,
8 which terminal device is arranged for requesting, in
9 response to the flag, the server to send a further P

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10 characters and/or a selected attachment, wherein P is an
11 integer number.

1 Claim 26 (new): The terminal device according to claim 25,
2 arranged for mobile telephony.